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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES **Serie 6315** DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known; see 37 CFR 1.5) Notine lassing ed CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/FR2004/050502 October 14, 2004 October 20, 2003 TITLE OF INVENTION Method and apparatus for the production of carbon monoxide and/or hydrogen and/or a mixture of hydrogen and carbon monoxide by cryogenic distillation APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US L'Air Liquide, Société Anonyme à Directoire et Conseil de Surveillance pour <u>l'Etude et l'Exploitation des Procédés Georges Claude</u> Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. **X** An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. X An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. 🛛 An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. **X** An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. 🔯 A preliminary amendment. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. A substitute specification. 16. L A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.

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- A copy of International Publication WO 2005/040704;
- 2. English translation of International Application PCT/FR2004/050502;
- 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 4. Assignment and cover sheet;
- 5. Preliminary Amendment;
- 6. IDS and Form 1449, including 1 specification reference and search report with 6 references;
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Respectfully submitted,

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